

# In the Indiana Supreme Court

IN THE MATTER OF ) Supreme Court No. 20S00-0509-MS-  
THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF )  
JUDGES TO THE ELKHART )  
SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 )

## **ORDER OF TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF JUDGES**

This Court has been advised of the illness of the regular presiding judge of the Elkhart Superior Court, No. 2, the Hon. Stephen E. Platt. We find that, in the interests of the orderly administration of justice, the following Judges should be temporarily transferred to the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2: the Hon. Terry C. Shewmaker, Elkhart Circuit Court; the Hon. George W. Biddlecome, Elkhart Superior Court, No. 3; the Hon. Olga H. Stickel, Elkhart Superior Court No. 4; the Hon. James W. Rieckhoff, Elkhart Superior Court No. 5; and the Hon. David Bonfiglio, Elkhart Superior Court No. 6. All of said judges have advised that they are willing to serve in such capacity on a temporary basis. Pursuant to IC 33-24-6-10, the Executive Director of the Division of State Court Administration recommends that the above named judges be temporarily assigned to the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2 to serve as judge of that court.

We further find that the above named judges may appoint *pro tempore* judges for the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, as they deem appropriate

We further find that Magistrate David A. Denton, Magistrate Thomas A. Murto and Magistrate Deborah Domine should be transferred to the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, to serve as magistrates at the direction of the above named judges.

We further find that Senior Judge William C. Whitman and Senior Judge Donald W. Jones have been previously appointed to serve as senior judges in the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, and that the allotment of senior judge days for the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2 should be increased from thirty (30) days to an unlimited number of days.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that, pursuant to IC 33-24-6-10, the Hon. Terry C. Shewmaker, Elkhart Circuit Court; the Hon. George W. Biddlecome, Elkhart Superior Court, No. 3; the Hon. Olga H. Stickel, Elkhart Superior Court No. 4; the Hon. James W. Rieckhoff, Elkhart Superior Court No. 5; and the Hon. David Bonfiglio, Elkhart Superior Court No. 6, are hereby transferred temporarily to sit as judges of the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, effective immediately and until further order of this Court. This Order shall be sufficient authority to continue the employment of court personnel and otherwise discharge the duties of Judge of the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2. In this capacity, the above named judges may hear and decide cases in both their current courts and the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2.

IT IS FURTHER, THEREFORE, ORDERED that that the above named judges may appoint *pro tempore* judges for the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, as they deem appropriate; that Magistrate David A. Denton, Magistrate Thomas A. Murto and Magistrate Deborah Domine are transferred to the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, to serve as magistrates at the direction of the above named judges; and that the allotment of senior judge days for the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2 is increased from thirty (30) days to an unlimited number of days for use with Senior Judge William C. Whitman and Senior Judge Donald W. Jones, subject to their statutory limit of one hundred (100) days service per year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Elkhart Superior Court No. 2, who is directed to enter this Order into the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Hon. Terry C. Shewmaker, Elkhart Circuit Court, 101 North Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526-3232; to the Hon. George W. Biddlecome, Elkhart Superior Court, 101 North Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526-3232; to the Hon. Olga H. Stickel, Elkhart Superior Court, 101 North Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526-3232; to the Hon. James W. Rieckhoff, Elkhart Superior Court, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516-3138; to the Hon. David Bonfiglio, Elkhart Superior Court, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516; Magistrate David A. Denton, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46514; Magistrate Thomas A. Murto, 101 North Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526; Magistrate Deborah A. Domine, 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516; the Hon. William C.

Whitman, 61444 Ironwood Road, South Bend, IN 46614; the Hon. Donald W. Jones 1210 Glenwood Park Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514; to the Division of State Court Administration; and to the Indiana Judicial Center.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2005.

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Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana